PROCLAMATION BY DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RE COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the local, state and national health emergency as a result of the coronavirus, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as result of the continued spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in the State of Iowa, and the high risk it poses to the population of Des Moines County, the Board of Supervisors has issued protective guidelines by limiting person to person contact within County government; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease, which is caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person and which may result in serious illness and death, which increased the threat of serious associated health risks; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression continue to threaten the life and health of the citizens of Des Moines County; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization have issued recommendations to slow the spread and progression of COVID-19, which include:

- (1) avoiding unnecessary travel
- (2) avoiding unnecessary trips but for the purchase of essential items/services
- (3) limiting contact to no more than 10 people in one place
- (4) maintaining a social distance from others of at least six (6) feet
- (5) staying home if you are at high risk to develop COVID-19 if exposed to the virus OR exhibit any symptoms associated with the coronavirus, including but not limited to fever, cough, or sore throat.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors, strongly urges and recommends that the citizens of Des Moines County follow all of the above-referenced recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization as they relate to the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19 by not leaving their home or place of residence, except (1) to conduct or participate in essential activities, such as obtaining necessary supplies or services and/or (2) for employment in essential business services.

By:

Tom Broeker, Chairperson

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